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INTERVIEW WITH REPATRIATED PRISONER.

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"Tell me, on the way back did you see any of our bombing of Germany?"

"Yes, we passed round the outskirts of Karlsburg. They took us by road to avoid the bombing damage as much as they possibly could, but they couldn't avoid showing us some bomb damage in Karlsburg, and we saw factories and gas works railway centres and shunting yards all blown - well you couldn't recognise them as being - and er - bombed trains littered all along the lines."

"Oh! that sounds very good. Did they say anything about it?"

"Well, they were very mad about it - they slammed up all the windows and switched on the radio and a voice came over "Achtung! this is the work of the Jew Churchill."

"The Jew Churchill, huh?"

" some women and children...."

"Well, what did you boys say?"

"Well, it was a very ticklish thing - we were on our way home and we had already been warned that it was in his power to send us "home", as it were and, we kept quiet but otherwise we would have told them about Coventry - or something like that."

"Well, anyway you are back home again and we are ~~ix~~ very pleased to see you."

"Good luck to you."

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"Well, I suppose you must have had a fairly long railway journey."

"Yes, three days."

"Three days ~~ix~~ ay. And by the way did you see any effects of our bombing in Germany?"

"Yes, they tried to avoid it as much as possible, but they couldn't avoid taking us on the outskirts of ~~ix~~ Karlsburg. All along the line we saw bombed out factories, railway shunting yards, trains overturned.

There was one train in particular which looked as if it had been hit with a giant fist and been flattened. Well, we were very pleased about it naturally and, the German ~~ix~~ Commandant, in charge of the train lost his temper and snapped on the radio, and said "Achtung! this is the work of the Jew Churchill" who is waging war on defenceless women and children," and he carried on in that way and he snapped it off again in his temper and after that every station we went through they snapped up the windows and ~~ix~~ wouldn't let us speak to civvies and, anything like that."

"They just couldn't take it ay?" "No, they just can't take it, no."

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"And what did you blokes say about it?"

Well, we had to keep quiet, it was a ticklish problem - we were on our way home, and they had already told us that it was in his power to send us home - er back to the Stalag - and, well, I mean, what would you do?"

"Well, son, your're back home and we are very pleased to see you ~~home~~ again."